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STEALS SAFE WITH MANY BONDS IN IT

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—Shortly before midnight, Sunday, thieves entered the living room of William Daubendick, of this city, a grocer at 710 Chateau Avenue and took a 500-pound safe containing \$14,500 in negotiable stocks and bonds, \$1500 in mortgages, \$375 in currency and \$70 in checks.

The robbery was committed while Mr. and Mrs. Daubendick were attending the wake of Mrs. Brockmeyer at 3834 Iowa avenue.

Entrance had been gained to the living rooms above the grocery from a room to the east of the grocery, which is on the level of the second-floor windows. The glass in the window had been shattered.

R.H. Emberson Is Here For School Of Instruction

A school of instruction for the second annual roundup of the rural schools of Audrain County will be held Friday, February 4, in the circuit court room at the court house. At that time, R. H. Emberson, State leader of Boys' and Girls' clubs, will instruct the boys to enter the roundup how to prepare for it and Miss Dulaney will instruct the girls of the rural schools in how to prepare their sewing and other things that will be entered in the roundup. The roundup will be held in Mexico in the circuit court room the day of March 18.

Letters have been received by Ed C. Offutt, county superintendent of schools, from many of the teachers, saying that they will be present at the school of instruction Friday. The following are some of those who will be here: Miss Laura May Gibbs of the Hickory Grove School, Miss Della Davis of the Liberty School, Miss Dulcie M. Dyar of the Strother School, Selby Swift of the McClintic School with his pupils, Mrs. Niemann of the Benton City School with her pupils, Miss Grace Meliza of the Maple Grove School and her pupils, Miss Bessie Day of the Duly School and her pupils and Miss Bessie Watson of the Union School and her pupils.

Samuel S. Craighead dies. Samuel S. Craighead, 79 years old, a native of Callaway County and a confederate veteran, died Sunday at his home east of Toledo. Mr. Craighead was a relative of O. R. Craighead of Audrain County.

A SURPRISE PARTY

Miss Edda Clay Burgess is given a Birthday Party by Her Friends.

Mrs. John Burgess assisted by Miss Alice Hudson, arranged a pleasant surprise for Miss Edda Clay Burgess at the home of her parent Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burgess, 512 West Whitley street, Monday evening, Feb. 7th. It being her birthday, she received many beautiful presents. A pleasant evening was spent in singing, dancing music and games. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hilliard rendered several selections on the accordion and saxophone while refreshments were being served. Miss Jessie Johnson played some beautiful selections on the piano.

At a late hour the guests departed after spending a most enjoyable evening. They wished their little hostess many happy returns. Those present were: Mrs. John Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Plybon, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hilliard, Miss Vannie Throckmorton, Miss Alice Hudson, Miss Carleton Larsen, Miss Caroline Steinman, Miss Christine Collier, Miss Jessie Johnson, Miss Frances Plybon, Misses Mable and Ella Jacks, and Mr. Owen Clay McGee.

Leaves Small Fortune.

Shortly before she died Mrs. J. J. Freels of Laddonia called her husband to her bedside and told him where he would find some money which she had stored away. Upon investigation a box in the pantry shelf was found which contained between \$1200 and \$1400. Mrs. Freels had been married 60 years and had lived in the community where she died all her life.—Laddonia Herald.

R. L. Gooch holds the early garden record in Mexico this year. He made his lettuce bed Friday, February Fourth.

YOUR PROFIT ON ADVERTISED GOODS

A Safe Road
The Big Dollar
A Store You Like
Advertising Cuts Prices
Makes Money Travel Far

AN EDITORIAL
ON ADVERTISING
From the New York American

As a housewife or the head of a home you are interested at present in a very practical way in all that pertains to the health, happiness and greater comfort of all those near and dear to you.

If conditions exist in the administration of your home which either waste money or fail to save money up to 100 per cent possibilities, you want to know about them.

More than that, you want to familiarize yourself with methods that will make for maximum efficiency and give to your every spending dollar its full power of productiveness.

When you go into a store and see merchandise which you have become familiar through advertising, make up your mind that you are in the right kind of a store.

There are many such stores. You will find that they are always well-managed and prosperous—there is invariably an air about them that invites your patronage. If you have other wants than advertised merchandise, it is more than likely that you will be inclined to have them filled before you leave—that you will not question the integrity of whatever else you buy.

And though you may not realize it, there is a very excellent reason for such an attitude of mind on your part.

Advertising, as you know, ELAVATES THE QUALITY AND LOWERS THE PRICE OF GOODS.

Here is the process: When a manufacturer gives publicity to a worthy product, he creates a demand for it. That demand makes possible volume of production.

Volume of production reduces manufacturing costs as far as the individual article is concerned. Likewise it reduces selling costs. In consequence, the merchant buys at a standard price and sells at a minimum standard profit per sale.

Advertising by increasing sales makes lower prices mean more money to the merchant—more money's worth to the consumer.

The function of advertising is five-fold.

To enlighten or educate—to create new wants or to satisfy old ones—to protect and foster legitimate enterprises—to establish a medium of understanding between buyer and seller as a basis for mutual profit and advantage—to fix an economical price and the maintenance of a standard of quality.

Stores which employ advertising make their names stand as a guarantee of goods just as manufacturers do their trade-marks. Thus the consumer is often doubly assured.

So the road that is bordered by the advertising column—sales of a publication is the safe road for the buying public. It leads to first quality and full value always. If you will keep this one fact firmly fixed in your mind you will not be disappointed. On the contrary, your money will go farther and what you buy will give complete satisfaction.

Handling The News

The Ledger makes an effort to have news in its issue each week that will be of interest to the many different readers it has in its big family.

Now and then we are criticized by some because we publish news that doesn't interest them. But we have explained that what is of no interest to them is probably of importance to other readers. A newspaper is published for all its readers.

Then again we are at times charged with an ulterior motive because we innocently published a story whose import could be made to mean two things. Readers of the Ledger should know by this time that when we have any criticism to make or any stand to take we do so without equivocation.

We are honest in our beliefs and not afraid to state them. We know we cannot agree with everyone in our position on many matters but we claim the privilege we accord others on such questions—that of expressing our honest convictions and receiving the same tolerance we extend to others who honestly disagree with us and whom we honor because they are honest in their opinions.

It would be a poor world if we all agreed—and a still poorer world if we fell out with everyone who honestly disagreed with us.

F. Mitchell White

MOTOR FEES CAN'T PAY BOND INTEREST

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 3.—Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett has ruled that automobile fees cannot be used for the payment of interest upon the \$60,000,000 of road bonds, but may be used only for the payment of the principal of the bonds.

Barrett said the only method by which a direct tax for the payment of the interest upon the bonds could be avoided would be for the Governor to submit an amendment to the "road amendment" at the new constitution election, August 2, or for the Legislature to appropriate from available funds in the state treasury enough money to pay the interest upon bonds issued until the condition can be corrected.

Barrett's opinion holding that the automobiles fees cannot be applied to the bond interest surprised the lawyer members of the Legislature. Members of the Roads and Highways Committee had confidently predicted that Barrett would hold the constitutional amendment provided both for the payment of interest and principal from the bonds.

The opinion throws out of gear the entire legislature program for road construction and the expenditure of the \$60,000,000. Unless set aside by a Supreme Court decision it is likely to have a deterrent effect upon the passage of road legislation by this Legislature.

STATE ANTI- STRIKE BILL MOST DRASTIC

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 4.—The most drastic anti-strike bill ever conceived in any state was introduced in the senate Thursday by Senator McCullough of Knox County.

The bill places all strikes under the head of unwarranted industrial warfare and prohibits a strike by public employees; or one in violation of an agreement between employer and employee; or over an arbitrary award; or when a request of the employee has not been submitted to the employer and he has not been given an opportunity to comply, or a sympathetic strike.

The proposed measure gives to any court the power to grant injunction relief to any person, firm, corporation or association against persons willfully encouraging others to strike or inducing any person to engage or confer therein, taking a strike vote, paying money or furnishing any material aid or help to strikers.

The right of any person to act as a picket or display banners or handbills detrimental to any person, firm, corporation or association, also is denied.

Mrs. Mayhall Appointed.
Mrs. C. E. Mayhall has been appointed acting postmistress at Laddonia to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of her husband. Mrs. Mayhall will serve until the new postmaster is appointed.—Laddonia Herald.

Glen Dubray of Laddonia was a Mexico visitor Saturday.

CHAMP CLARK FAVORS WHITE AS CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Champ Clark has come out as opposed to the movement to oust Chairman George White, of the National Democratic Committee for the purpose of boosting some certain presidential candidate.

Clark's statement, last night, was in reply to the statement issued last night on behalf of forty-nine members of the National Committee, asking for a meeting of the full committee at St. Louis March 1, to organize "the forces of progress." The former Speaker of the House said White made an "uphill fight last year, and did it well," and that he should be allowed to fill out his term of four years.

Clark further declared that the sooner "presidential candidates and their enthusiastic proponents" could bring themselves to wait, the better it will be for the party and the country.

30 Are Present At Chamber Of Commerce Lunch

The weekly Audrain County Chamber of Commerce luncheon was held Thursday noon at the Hoxsey Hotel, at which time several guests of the members were present. Col. E. Y. Burton, newly elected president of this organization, explained the new constitution of the Chamber of Commerce, telling about the various departments and the work the heads of each department is planning to do.

R. H. Emberson of Columbia, State Boys' and Girls' club leader, and Miss Grace Dulaney, also a member of the Boys' and Girls' club, spoke. Miss Dulaney explained the work that the boys and girls in the rural communities are doing since they have become members of the clubs, and of the good they are accomplishing in their community.

Mr. Emberson explained what the boys are doing in the rural communities. He said that cooperation between the farmer and business men of the towns is necessary. He told of the clubs that are being formed in the counties of the state, and said that the teacher of the negro school in Mexico had turned in the second best garden club report in the state last year.

Joe Wilson of Moline and Ira Fisher of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce were guests of the Chamber of Commerce. Those present at the luncheon are as follows: Mr. Bush, L. M. Dozier, Ed C. Offutt, S. P. Guthrie, Miss Grace Dulaney, R. H. Emberson, Edgar Richardson, William Pollock, Miss Anna Guthrie, Miss Frances Chapman, Col. E. Y. Burton, C. F. Coleman, Leo Counts, Sam Morris, Ralph Coatsworth, Joe Davis, M. T. Vandegrift, C. P. Arnold, Louis Barth, Nisbet Livingston, Ross Wagner, Turner Williams, W. J. Offutt, L. M. White, Joe Wilson of Moline, A. A. Gallaher, Ira Fisher of St. Louis and Doctor Bragg.

Miss Ida E. Pearson, of this city, who is attending Missouri University, has been initiated into the Chi Omega sorority this week.

J. F. Parker of Laddonia was in Mexico Monday.

ACTION ON ROADS IS THE DEMAND

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 5.—Telegraphic instructions were received here by O. W. Hackworth, field secretary of the Missouri Good Roads Federation, from Harry Hawes of St. Louis, instructing Hackworth to have introduced in the legislature at once the six road bills prepared by that organization. Efforts have been made to keep all road bills out of this session. Hackworth, in a statement, said the introduction of road bills should not wait until the special session, as the people would not have time to read and understand the proposed road legislation.

Among other things Hawes said in his message was the following:

"There is no single measure that will come before the legislature of such vital importance or upon which so many Missourians have expressed a favorable opinion. It is our opinion that there is a strong effort being made to defeat any legislation for the expenditure of this 60 million dollar bond issue, either at this regular or at a special session. We must discover and point out to the public and give them names to the press of all those men or officials who are engaged in this conspiracy to defeat the will of the people. We must give their names to the public and put upon them the explanation."

THE BLANKET BALLOT BILL IS FAVORED

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 4.—The house and senate election committees have approved the Australian ballot bill to apply to the entire state. The house committee also placed their approval on the new primary law bill sponsored by the women's organization.

The primary bill approved by the house committee makes important changes in the present laws, and puts "teeth" in it so as to make fraud more difficult, its supporters say. The bill resulted largely from the wholesale frauds discovered in St. Louis in the recent grand jury investigation of the ballot boxes at the primaries last August.

Among other things, the judicial nominations of the state are taken from under the primary system by this bill. The delegates are named at the primary, but the conventions make the nominations. Also, the bill provides that two state committeemen shall be elected from each of the thirty-four senatorial districts of the state, instead of two from each of the sixteen congressional districts, now named by the congressional committees.

The senate elections committee also agreed to report favorably on the joint and concurrent resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution to be submitted to the voters at a special election August 2, which would eliminate the disqualification of women from holding public office on account of sex and is designed especially to give the women the right to serve as delegates to the constitutional convention.

BILL ENGROSSED

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 4.—After three hours of debate in the house Thursday the W. W. Botts anti-deceit bill was ordered engrossed by a vote of 67 to 54.

One of the most telling speeches against the "crashshooters" was delivered by Representative Moore, negro member from St. Louis. This was Moore's maiden speech.

Scarcity of Sleighs.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 3.—Columbia, the seat of the University of Missouri, although not always enjoying balmy weather, is a likely rival for Southern California in some respects, according to students who sought to hire sleighs to enjoy a recent snowstorm. Only five could be found for rent in the city, and those were kept busy from early morning to late at night.

James Rodgers of Mexico, who has been in the West for the past year went down to Juarez, Mexico, recently, and while there was robbed of his watch, ring and other valuables. He says if the robbers had not put one of his eyes out of commission, that he would have got them.

James Talbert sold John Brewer a good milk cow this week for \$35.

LETTER REQUESTS POWER TO INCREASE ROAD TAXES

The County Court sent the following letter to Representative W. W. Botts and Senator J. D. Hostetter regarding road taxes:

Whereas at present the road law makes no provision for higher tax vote than thirty-five cents on the hundred dollars for road and bridge purposes except in special benefit assessment districts as provided in Section 10833, Revised statutes 1920, and,

Whereas, said tax of thirty-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation is inadequate for the maintenance of the public roads and bridges of this county in a high state of efficiency and,

Whereas, there are in this county and also in this state many road districts, realizing the great need for better roads, would gladly vote upon themselves a higher road and bridge tax if given an opportunity.

Therefore, be it resolved that this, the Audrain County Court in open session do respectfully petition our representatives in the legislature, the Hon. W. W. Botts and the Hon. J. D. Hostetter, to secure an amendment of the present road law so that any district whether special or otherwise can vote upon itself by a majority vote any rate in addition to said thirty-five cents on the hundred dollar valuation, so said rate shall not exceed seventy-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation, and that a copy of the resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our record and that a copy be sent to Judge W. W. Botts, Senator Hostetter and Governor Hyde.

S. C. GROVES,
Presiding Judge.
J. S. GATSON,
Associate Judge.
GEO. A. POLLARD,
Associate Judge.

Hardin College Sues State At- torney-General

A friendly suit has been filed in the circuit court by Hardin College against Jesse Barrett as attorney-general of the State, to determine the rights and powers of the Board of Directors of the college to pledge the whole or any part of the college for the purpose of erecting a new building or buildings for school purposes.

The college plans to erect a one hundred girl dormitory on the campus to help take care of many of those students who wish to enter the school. Because of a lack of sufficient funds, and the board of directors not being sure of the power they have to raise funds, the suit has been filed for the attorney-general to determine. According to E. F. Elliott, circuit court, this is the first case of its kind ever filed in the Audrain County circuit court.

Files Damage Suit.
J. W. Buffington, as guardian of Irene Painter, has filed a suit in the circuit court for \$775 damages against Robert Painter. In his petition Mr. Buffington alleges that Irene Painter came into possession of a piece of land in 1918, and that Robert Painter is unlawfully withholding possession of the land from her. He also alleges that Painter is holding the land, claiming that he has some interest in the land which he hasn't.

Partition Suit Filed.
Joseph William Morgan et al has filed a suit in the circuit court against the North Missouri Trust Company, as guardian of the children of John A. Morgan, who died last September, for the partition of land belonging to the John A. Morgan estate. They allege that they are entitled to one-sixth of the land and the profits from it.

Receives Scholarship.

Harold Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willis, a student at Culver-Stockton school, has just received a \$50-dollar scholarship for the next term there. This was granted for Y. M. C. A. work in the army during the late war. Mr. Willis will preach at different churches every Sunday this month, thus getting experience along with his school work. He is a splendid young man and his many Mer friends will be glad to hear of his fortune.

Dies in News

Pete Redell, 80 years of age, died of Mexico about the well known by Mexico, died.

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JOHN POLLARD DIES IN SHELBYVILLE

John Pollard, who was for many years engaged in the jewelry business in Mexico, and who moved from here and established himself in business in Kansas City, died in Shelbyville, Ill., at the home of his sister, Miss Jenny Pollard, Saturday evening. Mr. Pollard suffered a stroke of paralysis last fall from which he never recovered. He was moved from Kansas City to Shelbyville last November and was for some time in the hospital there.

The funeral was held in Shelbyville, Mr. Pollard's early home. His wife and daughter, Mary, survive. Word has been received that his daughter is too ill to attend the funeral.

Mr. Pollard had many friends in the business and social groups of this community and is remembered as a splendid man of high ideals and a good citizen.

The Ledger joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

Miss Dulaney Tells Of Hot Lunch Clubs

Miss Grace Dulaney of Columbia, who is in Mexico with R. H. Emberson to prepare plans for the second annual roundup of the rural schools of Audrain County, in speaking of the baking clubs, said that there are between thirty and forty in Missouri. Of this number, Audrain County has two, so is well above the average county. As the schools do not have any equipment for baking, Miss Dulaney said, the pupils study how to make different things at school, and then bake them at home. They bring what they bake to school, and discuss and judge them, so that the pupils get an idea of what the other pupils are doing. This also helps standardize the baking, and tends toward the baking of better things. The two baking clubs in Audrain County are at the McClintic School, taught by Selby Swift, and the Snead School, taught by Miss Mildred Cook.

Miss Dulaney also told of the hot lunch clubs, of which there are about 100 in Missouri. Audrain County has two of these, at the Maple Grove School taught by Miss Grace Meliza, and at the Black School taught by Miss Emma Painter, and is expecting to organize more soon. In the hot lunch club, there is a cook, assistant cook and book-keeper. One hot dish is cooked a day, and is either soup, hot chocolate, a hot vegetable of some kind or some other kind of hot food. Each pupil brings food from his home, and it is the duty of the book-keeper to see that one home supplies no more than another.

The pupils, both boys and girls, ten years old or more, take turns in being cook, assistant cook and book-keeper. Each cook must cook ten different hot dishes. Each pupil is supplied with a bowl, a plate and a cup which are usually bought with the receipts from a pie supper.

In some schools, the pupils are weighed each month to see if the hot lunches have been beneficial to them. These hot lunch clubs cause better health for the child, improves his table manners, improves his school work especially in the afternoon, and improves his conduct.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN

The senior class of the Y High School held the last of open house parties, for men Monday evening dancing were enjoyed.

This series of being the first has entered the exp Mr. W.